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DISPLAY UNIT
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued November 2, 2004 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Reasons

The inventions related to the following claims of the present application could have been easily invented by a person with ordinary knowledge of technology in the field to which the inventions belong based on the inventions recited in the publications below, which had been distributed in Japan or abroad prior to the application, or based on inventions that could have been utilized publicly through electronic communications circuits; and therefore cannot receive a patent according to the stipulations of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Japan Patent Law.

Note

(Refer to the List of Cited Literature for the cited literature)

Cited Literature 2, 3, 6, 7 regarding Claims 1, 2

Described in Cited Literature 2 is the fact that the caller ID and short message data are displayed in the visible display region even when folded. (Refer to paragraph (0041).)

Described in the same manner in Cited Literature 3 is the fact that simple mail contents are displayed on the visible display part (see-through liquid crystal display part 10) even when folded. (Refer to (Claim 1) and paragraphs (0025) through (0026).)

The fact that display items are selected and configured is a well-known technology as described in Cited Literature 6 and 7, and a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of configuring in the inventions described in Cited Literature 2 and 3 the display of any combination of the title, text, sender mail address, name of sender or time received, which are items generally displayed when electronic mail arrives.

Cited Literature 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 regarding Claims 3 through 6

The fact that multiple cases are displayed (for example, by scroll display) is a general item. (For example, refer to paragraph (0026) and (Figure 3) of Cited Literature 4, and (Figure 7) of Cited Literature 5.)

If new reasons for rejection are discovered, notification of the reasons for rejection will be given.

List of Cited Literature

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-017579
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-253113
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-023255
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-022788
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-045117
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-089820."

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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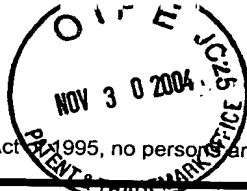
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